**Reviewer’s report**

**Title:** Robotic assisted-bronchoscopy: technical tips and lessons learned from the initial experience with sampling peripheral lung lesions

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**Reviewer:** Kamran Mahmood

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Thanks a lot for allowing me to review this interesting and important review of robotic-assisted bronchoscopy (RAB) technical tips and lessons by Dr Septimu Murgu. The article is timely because of the recent FDA approval of RAB system in US, and increased interest in this technology. It is coupled with unmet clinical need for a reliable modality to diagnose peripheral lung nodules.

The author has detailed the technical tips and lessons in great but reader-friendly detail. I will like to ask the author to comment on the cost of the system and disposable tools. Moreover, what is the CPT code/reimbursement and total cost of the procedure.

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